

Middlesex Recreation Commission  
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846  
Commission Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2015

Chair Sherley Penrose opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members present:

Bob May  
Rich Tarbous  
Sherley Penrose  
Rich Rutkowski  
Lileen Schwarz

Members Absent:

Glenn Dickey  
Cassius Kennick

Also present:

Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director  
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director  
Steve Greco, Council Liaison

Rich Rutkowski made a motion to accept April 13, 2015 minutes with a second by Bob May and approved by all members present.

**Public Session:**

No one present

**Directors Report**

- Ball-U-Man Basketball Clinic-- eight kids registered and were combined for the hour. Mike Girvan attended the clinic and met the staff.
- Baseball/softball- - the coaches' meeting was 4/8/15- -there are 97 children registered. Some of the teams will play with Dunellen and some with Somerville.
- Bowling – 14 children ended the winter session
- Bubby Ball – the soccer program began on 4/18/15 and will run for four weeks. There are seven children participating in soccer and four participating in cheerleading.  
The Buddy Ball basketball program will begin on 5/16/2015 in the Mauger old gym with 10 participants registered.
- Decode your Diet was held on 4/20/15 with fifteen people in attendance
- Men's softball – six teams have registered and paid. A managers team was held on 4/8/15 and the season began on 4/14/15.
- Pony Share – program was held during spring break with 15 participants.
- Summer camp will run from 7/13 thru 7/17/15 at MVP.

- Summer basketball league - - registration will go out in approx.. two weeks.
- Summer Playground – registration forms were delivered to the schools
- Tennis – US Sports will be doing the First Play Program at MVP from 4/13 thru 6/1/15 for kid's ages 3/14 and adults. A tournament will be held on 6/20/2015.
- Toddler program – spring session will begin May 14,2015. Happy Camper program is sold out for the four weeks. Am considering adding two or more weeks.
- Movie night at the park is scheduled for 7/10 and 8/7.
- Yoga – new session for 4/20/2015 thru 6/8/215 started and has 9 participants.
- Zumba – Tuesday session started and has 11 participants. The Thursday session has 7 participants.
- Awaiting a quote on the mat to go under the adaptive swing and will then place order for swing and mat. The swing will be installed at the bay in the playground nearest the Horseshoe pits. The DPW parks supervisor worked with the Recreation Director to make sure this projects was ADA approved.
- Mountainview Park – the new entry sign was ordered and received. DPW will install as soon as possible. A capital request was submitted for a new double sided information center and a new map holder.
- Memorial Parade will be May 25<sup>th</sup> with starting time of 10:am at VCP. Director was contacted by American Legion, parade organizers, to notify parade route residents.
- Chris Chismar, Summer Camp director, went through applications for staff positions and Commission will be asked to vote on them tonight.
- Recreation director discussed possibility of purchasing tickets to the College Basketball Tournament in November at MSG. Minimum that must be purchased is 15, if more kids could be involved in some of the activities. Director will also check on the possibility of a bus – depends on cost.
- Recreation Director reported she has received sev3ral applications for a summer intern- she is reviewing them and will inform the Commission of her decision. This temporary position is at no cost to the Borough.

#### Councilmatic report -

1. Council member Greco stated that Recreation will not get a separate statement for Trust Accounts. Issue is considered resolved and closed.
2. Recreation Director to go through old files so auditor and determine exact amount of Trust money available.
3. Council member Greco reported his appreciation for the new field boxes as they are convenient and less equipment needs to be carried to games.

#### **Trust Account and Account details report**

Motion to accept made by Rich Rutkowski pending the auditors' approval and seconded by Bob May. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

#### **Commission Committee reports** - No reports

## **Board of Education Report** - No representative

### **Correspondence** –

### **Volunteer nomination** – None

**New Business** – The Recreation Director and the DPW parks supervisor have visited several areas with adaptive parts and will eventually design and submit plans for a whole adaptive play area to be located in MVP near the existing playground. This will include adaptive playground equipment and a sensory garden. Part of this plan will be a request to close off the road between the back parking lot and the front parking lot on the west side. The Director will also check in to Grants available for this type of project.

Recreation Commission secretary absent this evening due to the recent birth of her twins.

### **Old Business**

1. Consideration has been asked to create soccer and basketball programs for high school students who wish to play while not on the high school teams. The director would love to create these programs but needs additional help. Councilman Greco will advise the Mayor and Council about the need for more help in the recreation department office with existing programs and with the opportunity to add more programming primarily for high school students who are not on other teams but still want to participate in a sport.
2. Councilmember Greco will follow up on a request to install a gate that can accommodate people with disabilities who wish to use the tennis or basketball courts. At this time the only way to access these areas is from either side of the courts by way of steps. Suggestion is to have it installed next to the existing large gates right of the parking lot.
3. Councilman Greco announced Fireworks are scheduled for July 18, 2015. Commission member Penrose asked if it would be possible to have them at the conclusion of National Night Out on August 4. Council member Greco said he would present this request.

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Penrose read a statement advising residents that the approved minutes will be available on the Borough Website within three working days of the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the Recreation Bulletin Board no later than 48 hours prior to the monthly meeting.

At 8:25 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Rich Tarbous.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by  
Commission member Sherley Penrose